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- I. A list of patents (and attached form PTO/SB/08A), and
- II. General Remarks

A copy of each listed reference is enclosed herewith.

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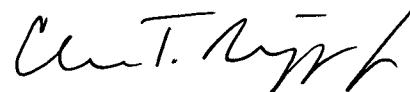
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It is submitted that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinguishable over the patents cited herein. It is respectfully requested that these patents be considered and made of record in the present application.

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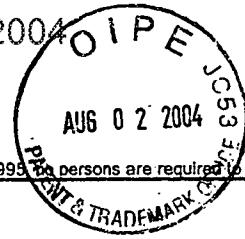
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